

REMARKS

The present Application has been allowed, as indicated in the Notice of Allowability dated December 20, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed June 23, 2004 is objected to for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.98(a)(2). Applicants respectfully traverse the objection.

Applicants respectfully and strongly note that the IDS filed June 23, 2004 included a copy of each foreign patent disclosed therein as well as an English translation of the Abstract of each foreign patent. In fact, Applicants note that the PTO-1449 form accompanying the IDS indicates that each reference submitted therewith included at least a partial English translation, *i.e.*, each cited reference included at least an English Abstract. The IDS filed June 23, 2004 also included a copy of the Japanese Office Action with an English translation thereof. A photocopy of the stamped post card evidencing receipt by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the IDS with Form PTO-1449, copies of the sixteen disclosed references, and a copy of the Japanese Office Action with English translation is enclosed herein.

Also enclosed herein, as a courtesy to the Examiner, are copies of each foreign patent, an English translation of the Abstract for each foreign patent, and the Japanese Office Action and English translation thereof, all of which, as stated above, were previously submitted with the IDS filed June 23, 2004.

Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that the IDS, as filed on June 23, 2004, complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2) and M.P.E.P. § 609.04(a). Therefore, Applicants

respectfully request withdrawal of the objection and prompt consideration of the disclosed references before issuance of the present Application as a U.S. Patent.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing prompt consideration of the disclosed references is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to bring this matter to a swift conclusion, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107439-00092.**

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